(*d*) whether such fees have been refunded to any, and if so, how much and how many ?

A.—(*a*) The scheme was introduced in January 1924, and the Board's report on it is not therefore due until after January 1927; Government have not therefore yet formed an opinion on the matter.

(*b*) to (*d*) The Government have not the particulars asked for. Instructions have been issued that a statement should be annexed to the report on the maintenance of Revenue records and registration giving particulars of the number of applications for subdivisions received in the year, number of subdivisions effected at the request of parties, fees charged and amounts paid to karnams. Information on the subject will thus be annually available in the future.

Introduction of the Land Revenue Bill.

* 1522 *Q.*—Mr. S. Muttayya Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Land Revenue Bill has not yet been introduced in the Council ; and

(*b*) when the Government propose to introduce the Bill ?

A.—(*a*) Because the subject is still under correspondence with the Government of India.

(*b*) The answer depends on the final result of the correspondence referred to in the reply to clause (*a*).

Mr. S. Muttayya Mudaliyar :—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to tell us at least approximately when he will be able to introduce the Bill ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" I cannot possibly say, Sir. That depends as I have said in clause (*b*) of the answer on the result of the correspondence with the Government of India. It is not possible for me to foretell."

Mr. S. Muttayya Mudaliyar :—" In view of the assurances given very often in this Council to the effect that the Bill will be introduced as early as possible, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to take the necessary steps to expedite the reply from the Government of India, at least so far as it lies in his power ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" Of course, Sir, we have been doing so all along."

Public Services.

Pay of unpassed men.

* 1523 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that unpassed candidates who were confirmed prior to 6th August 1917 and before that period with reference to the notification appearing on page 473, Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated